

**DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2007**

Members Present: Morris, Ennis, Endres, Harden, Lardizzone, Magner, Spitzfaden, Thompson and Webb

Members Excused: Carroll, Kitson, Lank, Newstadt, Timberman and Wasson

Staff Present: Davila, Reid, and Quinlan

Guests: Al Carter (SOS), Ron Sarg (MOAA), Tom Daws and Terry Baker (VVA), Bill McMullen (AF Sergeants Association), Ed Moczulski (LP Lo-DEL), Rich Robichand (DELVETS)

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Nations Flag.

Chairman Morris opened the meeting by reporting that MOAA was conducting a fundraiser on February 15, 2007, at UNO Chicago Grill in Dover for the JROTC. He commented that the new 2007 General Assembly has started up.

Mr. Daws expressed that he felt not all issues discussed at length in the Commission meetings have been included in the minutes.

Mr. Baker questioned how monetary compensation would be handled if a recently released disabled veteran, married with dependents, was to be admitted into the new Veterans Home. Discussion followed.

NOTE: Due to a mechanical malfunction, the remainder of the minutes were not captured on tape, but were reconstructed by members present.

MOTION BY MAGNER TO ACCEPT DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY HARDEN, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

No report.

COMMEMORATIVE AFFAIRS

No report.

FINANCE AND LOGISTICS

No report.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

No report.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Commissioner Thompson reported that they will talk to the Joint Legislative Committee on Veterans Affairs after talking to our Chairman.

PERSONNEL

Commissioner Lardizzone reported that he will be meeting with Dean Reid on February 16, 2007, to secure a provider for Medical Director and Physician Services for the new Veterans Home.

MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report.

BY-LAWS

Commissioner Ennis reported that they will be meeting with the Executive Director to review recommended changes to the By-Laws.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

Harden (WAVES) – Reported the WAVES group would not meet again until the end of March. She was working on the National “Salute to Hospitalized Veterans” that will take place February 11-17, 2007. Different organizations participate every day of the week and the WAVES will be doing bingo and refreshments on Monday in the nursing home. Wednesday, February 14, 2007, the Philly Fanatic will be coming down to visit the patients in the hospital and the nursing home.

Morris (American Legion) – The National American Legion Auxiliary President will be coming for a visit and she will tour the Veterans Home. Also, the National American Legion Commander has a trip planned here in March and a tour of the Veterans Home has been scheduled.

Thompson (MCL) – Reported that the 2006 “Toys for Tots” campaign was a success. New Castle County took care of over 5,000 needy children through the Marine Corps Reserve and was assisted by the Marine Corps League. The Marine Corps League in Sussex County took care of over 3,000 children and in Kent County; the Marine Corps League took care of over 2,500 kids.

Lardizzone (DAV) – Reported that he will be attending the DAV Mid-Winter Conference on February 24-28, 2007. The National Commander will be speaking with the Joint Congressional Committee of Veterans Affairs.

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE ORGANIZATION

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 27, 2007 (11:00 AM)

LOCATION: Robbins Bldg, 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100
Dover, DE

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